JAPAN CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY NEWS

Chairman Tsunetaro Miyakoda

Published by the Commission on Public Relations of the National Christian Council of Iapan

Editors: Kaname Tsukahara (Mrs.)Mary W. Meynardie

ABLE CODE: JAPACONCIL, ADDRESS: CHRISTIAN CENTER, 2,4-CHOME GINZA, TOKYO, JAPAN

Subscription Rates: Japan ¥700; Foreign (Sea mail) \$2.00; (Air mail) \$3.50.

135

November 15, 1958

In These Pages

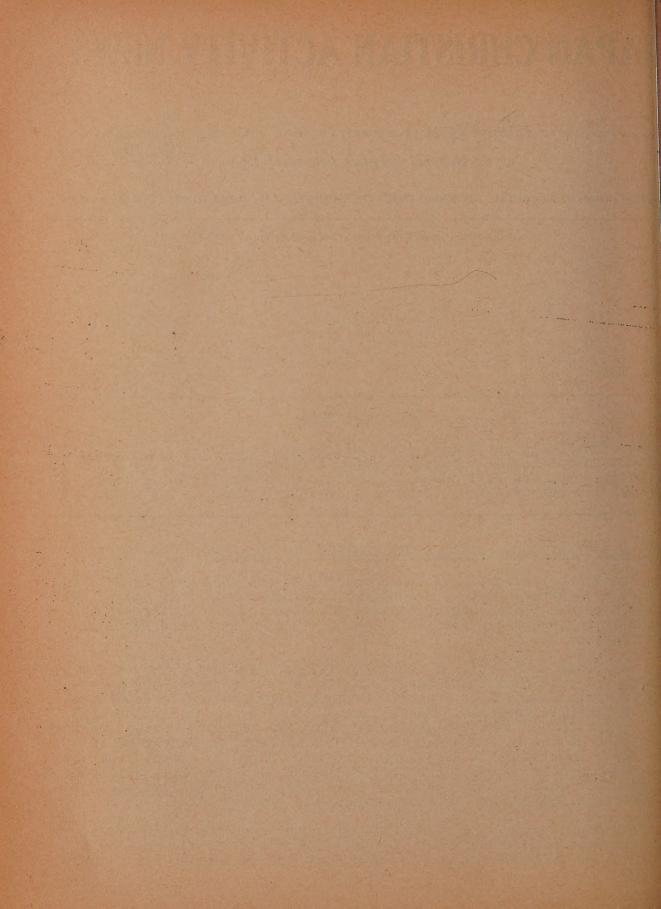
hree :	Inter	natio	nal	Socia	1 Wor	k Con	feren	ices	This	Mo	nth				1
.C.C.															
tanle;															
nnual	All	Luthe	ran	Free	Confe	rence	Meet	s in	Kyu	shu					5

HREE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCES THIS MONTH

The Ninth International Conference of Social Work will be held in okyo from November 30 to December 6 with headquarters in the Sankei nternational Conference Building. The theme of the Conference is Mobilizing Resources for Social Needs: Social Needs and Resources or Meeting Them."

Two other international meetings will be held just prior to the inth International Conference of Social Work. They are the Interational Association of Schools of Social Work and the International nion for Child Welfare. The latter of these two is under the high atronage of the Japanese government with Mr. Hiroyuki Takata, present irector of the Children's Bureau of the Ministry of Education in harge. It will be in Tokyo from November 23 to 27. These meetings ill be largely study conferences in nature with the Child Welfare onference deliberating the theme "The Child in the Family" including ubstitute family care in institutions and foster homes.

The basic units of the International Conference on Social Work are he National Committees. At present there are 30 active national ommittees in countries running the gamut of the English alphabet



rom Australia to Yugoslavia. Provisional committees have been established in a number of other countries. Membership in the conference sexpected to exceed 600 with many Japanese nationals and missionaries attendance.

The main addresses of the International Conference will follow assetopics: "What are the world's Social Needs?", "Human and Mateial Resources for Meeting Social Needs", "The Role of International cluntary Effort in Mobilizing Resources to Meet Social Needs", and The Role of Inter-govenmental Activities (regional as well as interational) in Mobilizing Resources to Meet Social Needs". During the hird day of the Conference the delegates will hear "Country Reports" which will be a series of four papers describing, analyzing and evaluating national efforts at mobilizing resources to meet social needs a four countries in different parts of the world. There will be two rom Asia, one from Europe, and one from Latin America.

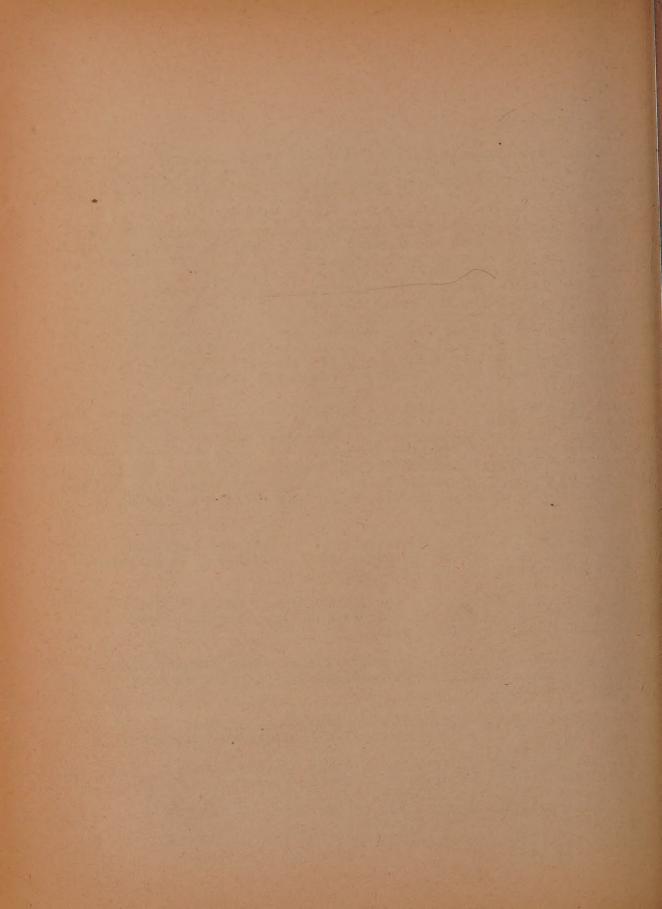
There will be four Commission topics which will be considered by mall groups in detail: 1) Co-relation of Economic and Social evelopment Policies, 2) Leadership for Social Policy, 3) Problems of rowth and Change in Population Structure, 4) Community Development a Means of Mobilizing and Focusing Resources to Meet Needs in countries in Process of Development. Besides the commission deliberations, there will be study groups on fifteen different aspects of me theme.

As features in the program there will be national exhibits, tours social work agencies in the Tokyo area, selected film showings, and special meetings as the needs arise.

There are nine officers of the International Conference three of iom are from the U.S.A., one each from Canada, England, Greece, razil, India and the Netherlands.

In connection with the three major international organizations isted above the following organizations are planning meetings on nursday, December 4th:

Catholic International Union for Social Service
Conference of Nongovernmental Organizations Interested
in Migration
International Conference of Catholic Charities
International Federation of Social Workers
International Social Service
International Society for the Welfare of Cripples
League of Red Cross Societies
Nongovernmental Organizations Committee on UNICEF
World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts



C.C. CHURCH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORTS PROGRESS

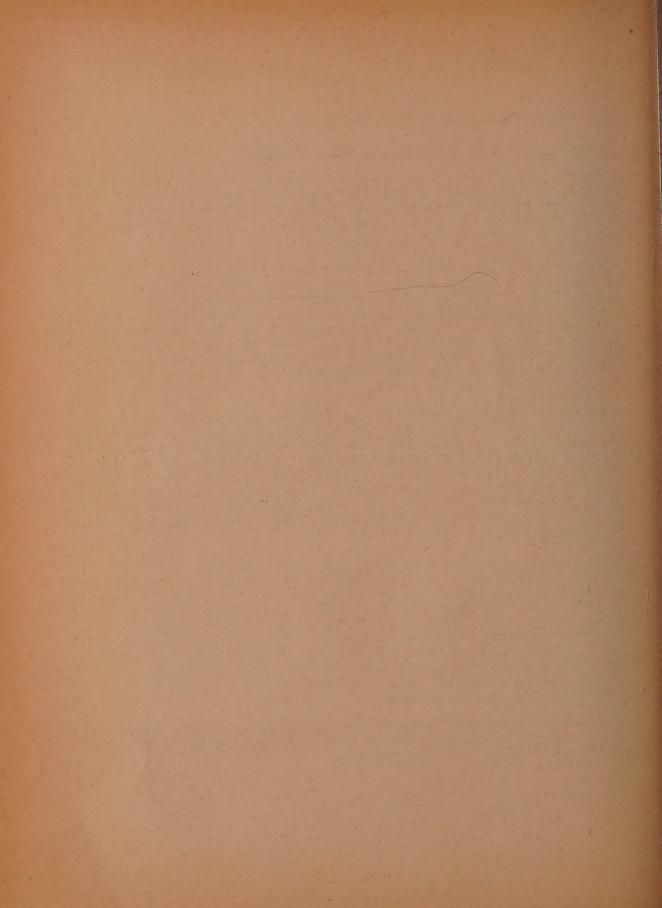
The Rev. Jonathan Fujita, Executive Secretary of the Church School partment of the National Christian Council, reports that the depart-nt is mission-minded following the World Convention held here this mmer. On Sunday in Christian Education Week, 114,205 yen was llected which will be sent to Okinawa for Christmas.

The Ninth Nationwide Church School Teachers! Convention will be ld in Yokohama on May 4 and 5 of next year. The theme will be "Let Have His Vision" and the proposed site is the Ferris Girls School the Bluff. Also proposed is a nationwide children's rally of church hool students from which five children will be sent to the Philippines or the Summer for a Good Will Mission. Rev. Fujita is also planning take the Japanese "paper theater" and puppet shows to Okinawa and rmosa for two months. He will be accompanied by two others as he kes this trip next June and July.

The outline, skeleton, purpose and content of the new curriculum s been produced and copies are available in English and Japanese. is new curriculum has been accepted by the United Church and also the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. On December 11 and 12 a iter's workshop will be held at Hayama YWCA retreat after which a ole year's material will be written. The Literature Commission of e NCC will be printing the whole course beginning in 1960 but the 59 course will be printed in the AVACO monthly magazine with accomnying suggestions for visual aids.

The financial aspect of the Church School Department is also couraging. As a result of the drive for funds to support the World nvention on Christian Education which was held in Tokyo in August, 0,419,660. was collected from the churches as of November 7. The pporting association (business organizations, etc.) donated 5,086,880. making a total collected here in Japan of ¥35,506,540. th all the bills paid there is a balance of ¥170,000. \$15,000 was ceived from the World Friendship Book Fund. To handle the use of ese funds a committee has been appointed under the co-chairmanship Dr. Darley Downs and Mr. Matsuno.

By the end of this coming March, Rev. Fujita predicts, there will no more deficit hanging over the Church School Department and by ril, 1959 it will be self-supporting.



ANLEY JONES AND BILIY GRAHAM CAMPAIGNS HERE NEXT YEAR

As a part of the Centenary Movement of the National Christian uncil two outstanding evangelists will campaign in Japan during the ming year. Dr. Stanley Jones and Dr. Billy Graham, noted American angelists, have been invited and have agreed to take part in the angelical thrust to begin the second one hundred years of the otestant movement.

The plans for the Stanley Jones campaign are fairly complete whereas tails of the Billy Graham campaign are not yet worked out except at he and his team will probably be here in May and or June.

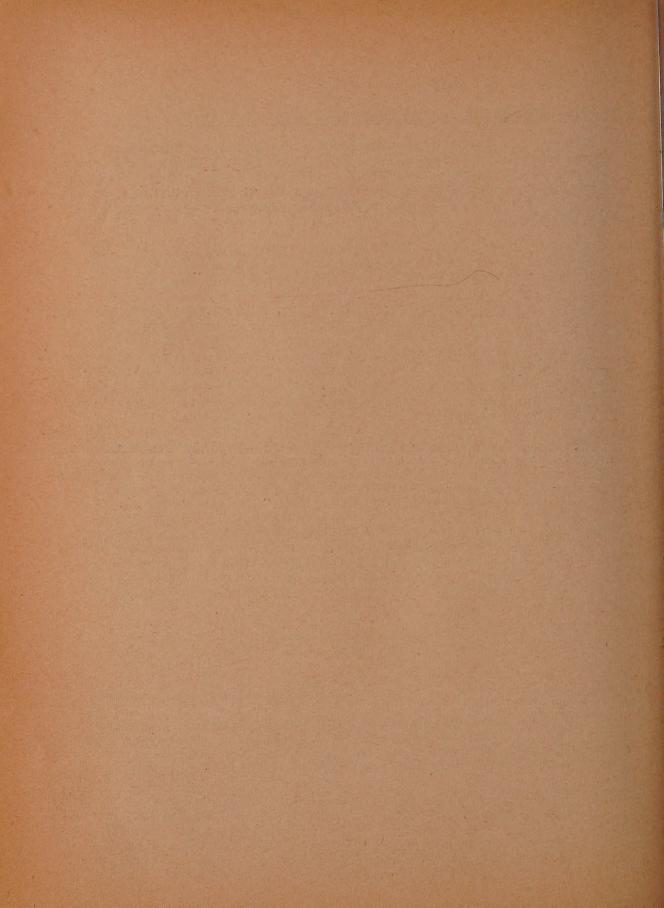
Dr. Jones is coming for this the fifth major campaign since the end the Pacific war. Accompanying him will be Dr. Akhbar Abdul Haqq, Indian scholar who received his Ph. D. in the States and has been ad of the Henry Martyn School of Islamics in India but is now released do evangelistic work. He has been cooperating with Dr. Billy Graham evangelism. Also with Dr. Jones will be Dr. Thomas Carruth, Secretary the Department of Prayer Life in the Methodist Church, U.S.A., and s. Mary Webster, lay woman evangelist from the States.

They will divide Japan into six general areas for the purpose of thing up Ashrams for the deepening of the faith and church life of y workers and pastors. These six Ashrams will be held at 1) Amaginso on the Izu Peninsula from February 11-13 for the Tokyo area; at Kobe for the Kansai area from Feb. 17-19; 3) the Kyushu meeting Il be in Fukuoka during the first part of March; 4) the Shikoku eting will be in Takamatsu in the middle of March; 5) the Toohoku strict Ashram will be in Sendai at the beginning of April; 6) the kkaido meeting will be in Sapporo during the middle of April. sides the Ashrams the evangelistic campaign in each area is in the nos of the local council of churches. Details are not available the present time.

The biggest and final of five great campaigns of E. Stanley Jones r Christ in the Islands of Japan will be from February 4 until ril 22.

The National Christian Council and the Evangelical Association are sponsoring the effort of Dr. Billy Graham in Japan during the coming ar. The Rev. A. Kurumada, Moderator of the Evangelical Association, d the Rev. Michio Kozaki, President of the National Christian Council, ad the two leading organizations of Christians in this country. ese two organizations comprise over 80% of Japan's Protestants.

Leaders of the National Christian Council report that more than six nths have been spent in attempting to get 100% of the Protestants in pan to support this call to Dr. Graham to come to Japan. Though not tirely successful, they are proud of the united effort of the NCC d the Evangelical Association in the coming meetings. The NCC has constituent bodies with 2,201 churches and 235,000 members while



ne Evangelical Association has 9 constituent bodies, 400 churches and ,000 members.

The Rev. Edwin B. Dozier, Japan-born Southern Baptist missionary, the temporary chairman of the Protestant Centenary Billy Graham angelism Committee.

NUAL ALL LUTHERAN FREE CONFERENCE MEETS IN KYUSHU

Lutheran missionaries in Japan annually meet as the "All Lutheran ree Conference". The 1958 meeting was held November 4-6 at Mount Aso, rushu with over 60 in attendance.

"An Holy People Unto the Lord -- Our Christian Challenge to the New ligions", was the conference theme. Worship services and the Bible udy on Deuteronomy chapter 7 concentrated on the presentation of the rst half of the theme. Panel discussions on "The New Religions in pan", "Empowering the Christian Layman for the Witness Life" and utheran Beginnings in Japan called attention to the challenge and e Christian answer to the challenge. The final panel discussion on theran Beginnings called particular attention to work done in the rushu area by early missionaries, and the accomplishments of 65 years work stand as an answer to the challenge of the New Religions as all as the Old Religions in Japan.

The Rev. Anders Hoaas of Kove, Norwegian missionary, was elected airman of the conference for the coming year. The Rev. Paul Heerboth Yokohama, Missouri Synod-U.S.A. missionary, has served as chairman ring the past year.

Thursday, the final day of the meetings, was devoted to a field ip to churches, the two Lutheran High Schools in Kumamoto and to the lony of Mercy and its affiliated social work institutions in the mamoto area.

The All Lutheran Free Conference is not established for the purpose drawing up pronouncements. Smaller groups selected from cooperating theran Missions and the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church are carryg on unity discussions which will lead to the formation of one theran Church in Japan. The groups already work together in the theran Literature Society.

Immediately following the Free Conference about half the group reined in Kumamoto for theological discussions. Papers were presented the subjects: "The Gifts of the Spirit", "Eschatology from the theran Standpoint" and "Luther and Calvin -- A Comparative study based their commentaries of the Epistle of Paul to the Galatians".

